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Del Rio Sector Activities - June 2003

DEL RIO, Texas - The following is a report of the enforcement activities of Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector during June 2003.

Apprehensions

Abilene Station	122
Brackettville Station	382
Carrizo Springs Station.....	577
Comstock Station	94
Del Rio Station	316
Eagle Pass Station	1,014
Llano Station	71
Rocksprings Station	44
San Angelo Station.....	83
Uvalde Station	154

Sector Total2,857

Other Than Mexicans*

439

(*Included in Sector/Station totals)

Drug Seizures

Marijuana Seized (pounds)	6,405.858
Value of Marijuana Seized	\$5,124,686.40

Significant Apprehensions

June 15, Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station working at a checkpoint on Highway 57 encountered an individual who had an outstanding warrant for Family Violence from Travis County, Texas. The individual was turned over to the Maverick County Sheriff's Department.

June 20, Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station encountered an intoxicated U.S. citizen while responding to illegal immigrant activity on Highway 481. Texas Department of Public Safety troopers responded and took the individual into custody.

June 28, Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station agents working the checkpoint on Highway 57 encountered an intoxicated U.S. Citizen. The woman was turned over to a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper who had stopped at the checkpoint.

Significant Drug Seizures

June 9, Border Patrol Agents from the Comstock Station participated in a drug interdiction operation in cooperation with Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) agents from Del Rio and San Angelo and rangers from the National Park Service. The Border Patrol Agents assisted in the seizure of 474 pounds of marijuana and the

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apprehension of a United States citizen residing in Del Rio. The BICE agents assumed custody of the marijuana, valued at \$379,200, the vehicle, and the U.S. citizen.

June 18, Border Patrol Agents from the Uvalde Station working at the Cline Checkpoint seized 386.8 pounds of marijuana being transported in the back of a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche by a U.S. citizen. The driver claimed no knowledge of the marijuana. The marijuana, valued at \$309,440, the driver, and the vehicle were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

June 20, Border Patrol Agents from the Eagle Pass Station working near Quemado, Texas, located tracks near the Rio Grande River. A Border Patrol canine unit was called in to assist in a search of the area. They located eight abandoned burlap sacks containing 93 wrapped bricks of marijuana weighing 445.200 pounds. The marijuana, valued at \$356,160, was turned over to the DEA.

June 24, Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Station working with BICE agents and Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Unit seized 1,529.21 pounds of marijuana valued at \$1,223,368. A Border Patrol Canine Unit alerted to the presence of narcotics inside of a non-working grain tanker trailer within a local ranch compound. The foreman of the ranch was arrested. Custody of the subject and marijuana was assumed by the BICE agents.

June 27, Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Station patrolling the Vega Verde area responded to activity approximately 2 miles west of the Del Rio International Bridge. The Agents located a 1989 Mercury Grand Marquis exiting the Vega Verde area and performed a vehicle stop. The agents seized 325.20 pounds of marijuana valued at \$260,160.00. The contraband, vehicles, and subjects were turned over to agents from BICE.

June 29, Border Patrol Agents from the Del Rio Station assigned to the checkpoint on HWY 2523, seized 553.75 pounds of marijuana being transported in 1997 Ford F-150 pick-up. The marijuana, valued at \$443,000, as well as, the driver and the passenger, both U.S. citizens, were turned over to DEA.

Other Significant Incidents

June 11, the Eagle Pass Station Boat Unit rescued four people from an island in the middle of the Rio Grande River. The island, located nine miles southeast of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry, had become inaccessible due to the high waters of recent rains. The four claimed they had been stranded there for four days. They were turned over to the Mexican Consulate.

June 25, the Eagle Pass Station Boat Unit assisted a Mexican national in distress as he attempted to swim the Rio Grande River. Agents used a rescue disk to pull the subject to safety. The subject voluntarily returned to Mexico.

June 26, Border Patrol Agents from the Carrizo Springs Station were called to a ranch off Farm to Market Road 186 where the body of one deceased male subject was found. Two people at the location who had entered the United States illegally stated the deceased had become ill during their trek and collapsed at the location. The two were granted a voluntary return to Mexico and the Mexican Consulate was notified.